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In re application of

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Ti-Ni-BASED SHAPE-MEMORY ALLOY
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME
**(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation
of Serial No. 10/281,143,
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 066820/1996, filed March 22, 1996, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in parent application Serial No. 10/281,143, filed October 28, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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